

CUXTON NOTICEBOARD



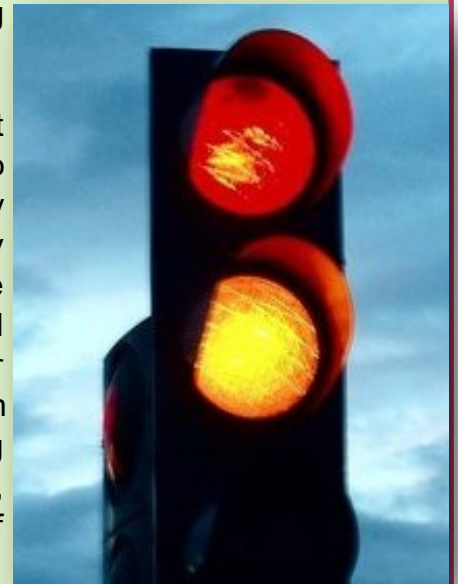
The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton

November 2021

Traffic Management Working Party members wanted!

Cuxton residents regularly air their concerns about traffic and parking issues within the village both verbally and on social media. Recent surveys conducted by Cuxton Parish Council (CPC) have also indicated increasing concern about this matter, particularly in view of the possible impacts of the Winery and Lower Thames Crossing developments etc.

It seems widely unknown that while CPC can object to or support planning applications, we do not have a "vote" when it comes to Highways issues. Decisions about traffic calming, temporary lights, double yellow lines and scheduled works are all made by Medway Council and CPC are rarely kept informed about these matters. However, given the recent increase in these local project applications, we would like to try to get more of our residents' opinions heard and hopefully have a greater impact in decision making at Medway Council. As such, we are appealing for residents to join a working party to discuss the matters, commission our own data, investigate possible solutions and, if necessary, lobby Medway Council with our findings.



We would like to be both productive and realistic when representing the views of the majority so, if you feel strongly about these issues in any way, or have relevant experience in Highways/ Planning matters, your input would be invaluable.

Please contact clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk to register your interest in our Traffic Management Working Party

Cllr Natalie Jackson

Thomas Stevens Charity

We would like to applaud the fund-raising efforts of both the Golden River and Cuxton Auto Services customers and their staff. They both continue to supply us with enough revenue for us to support those in need within Cuxton. If you feel you are in need and it might help to receive a cash influx, which will provide you with some relief of the financial pressures of life, please do contact us in full confidence.

Our 2 sponsors above are really keen to see their efforts being rewarded, even though they will not know who is receiving support. We really do not want a positive cash balance in our accounts, so please come forward, or perhaps suggest someone who you feel might benefit (but do ask them first). Our email contact is thomasstevenscharity@hotmail.com or you can phone 01634 716334

Ian Gray, Trustee

Cuxton Open Gardens Group

Last month we announced our open garden event and thought you would like to hear some more details: It will take place on 3rd July between 11am and 4pm and we would love any Cuxton gardeners to join us. Please don't think that your garden needs to be large or pristine for it to be of interest to others—even a small front garden or one that is a work in progress can provide ideas or inspiration to experienced gardeners or those just starting out, as of course do those that are beautifully finished (if ever a garden is).

We are planning on starting small so the event will be advertised to Cuxton alone in the first year with perhaps widening the scope once we see what sort of interest is shown. Entry to your garden will be by programme which will be available to buy at various points in the village. All monies raised will be donated to charity and these will be announced later. There will also be two or three locations offering refreshments and these will be indicated in the programme.



Please bear in mind that, if opening your back garden, you will need access from the road without going through your house. We will be looking at group insurance for the event and this is a requirement. If you do not have access, please consider just opening your front space—a lot of our front gardens are beautiful with lots of interesting plants, shrubs and trees.

We would also like to hear from Cuxton businesses interested in purchasing advertising space in the programme. If you are interested in opening your garden or volunteering to help someone who is, or with refreshments, please contact Leigh Powis by email : leighpowis0@gmail.com , thank you.

Cuxton Open Gardens Group

Clearing the way!

Your countryside volunteers have been out recently—to widen and clear encroaching vegetation in Six Acre Wood as well as clearing fallen trees on site. Pete is here helping to smooth the path for you!!! Please contact Jan Batley on 01634 712157 for further information if you would like to join us

Cuxton Countryside Group



Welcome to our new Councillor!



Hello, I would like to introduce myself—my name is Stuart Moore and I am the third generation of my family that has lived in Cuxton and I too have lived here the majority of my life.

I attended both of the schools and enjoyed a fantastic childhood growing up in the village. I have a keen interest in the outdoors and the fantastic countryside that surrounds us. For me, that is one of the best things about living here

So now, having lived here for some 40 years, I felt it was the right time for me to start to give something back to the community—to be involved in shaping the future of the village in both the need to preserve the history and traditions but also the careful development of better facilities for the area for future generations.

Cllr Stuart Moore

Cuxton 91 FC

Cuxton 91 Men's 1st team currently sit top of Division One East of the Kent County Football League unbeaten after nine games. Their league matches kick-off at 2pm Saturday afternoons if you want to watch them on the new Social Club pitch. Every month a matchday programme is produced with information on the team and the club in general. You can catch their fixtures on the fixture board at Cuxton Autos or on Twitter or Instagram.

The first team are managed by Adam Overton who is a young ambitious manager and the players and manager would be grateful for your support in helping them to achieve promotion to the Premier Division.

The reserves are one Division below in the same league and they are also unbeaten, but sit in sixth place with games in hand. The reserves also play on the Social club pitch and are managed by Scott Greenway. The 1st team and reserves work well together, including training, the aim being for both teams to have successful seasons and achieve promotion.

The third Men's team play on Sundays and are managed by Mick Vale. Most of their games are also on the Social club pitch and kick-off at 10.30am Sunday mornings.

The club also runs 18 youth teams ranging from under-6 to under-18 including an under-7 Girls team. The youth teams home games are shared between Strood Academy, Cuxton School field, Cuxton Rec and occasionally on the new Social club pitch.

The club is also a Wildcats centre which is training for girls every Saturday morning on Cuxton School field. This is organised by John Sparkes who is also Joint Chairman along with Lee Cooksey.

We also run a Soccer Academy for boys and girls on Saturday mornings which is held at Legends in Gravesend, organised by Mark Earley.

The club is run by a hardworking committee led by Lee and John and many volunteers who do fantastic work like Paul Reeves who is our Groundsman, who I'm sure you have seen cutting grass plus many other jobs on all our pitches along with Lee Cooksey.

We work closely with the Parish Council, Cuxton School, Strood Academy and Cuxton Social Club, who without their help and support we could not exist.

If you would like to get involved with our club, your local community football club, then please get in touch.

You can do this by contacting our Club Secretary Denise Sparkes -

cuxton91secretary@gmail.com

Frans Thorley



PCSO Surgeries

Come along to our monthly meetings with our PCSO at The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Bush Road, Cuxton. 7pm-8pm Wednesday 10th November and 8th December 2021.

What's on in Cuxton

To advertise an event or group on the Cuxton Parish Facebook/Twitter or Instagram pages (such as the WI or Scouts/Guides) please contact the Assistant Clerk by emailing asstclerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk

White Hart Tel: 01634 789969 www.whitehartcuxton.co.uk

Cuxton Social Club Tel: 01634 718068 **Golden River Chinese** Tel: 01634 296888. Collection service only (no deliveries at the moment due to pandemic staffing issues).

Cuxton Library

Opening hours:

Tuesday 9am to 1pm

Thursday & Friday 2pm to 6pm

Saturday 10am to 4pm (no lunch closure)

The public computers are available for library members for one hour sessions.

There is a charge of £3 per half hour for guest sessions

Customers are still recommended to wear facemasks and scan the NHS QR code when entering the building but this is not now a legal requirement.

Useful Contacts

Medway Council has a website that deals with A variety of problems including; Dogs, Fly-Tipping, Roads, Street Lighting etc. https://www.medway.gov.uk/site_search/results/?q=report+a+problem

Cuxton Tip: To book a slot go onto the Medway Council site and select a date and time. **NO booking, NO entry.** https://www.medway.gov.uk/directory_record/153/

Doctor out of hours: 111

Police: 101 for non urgent matters

Public Defibrillators: Boxes on the walls of the Social Club and Church Hall

Cuxton Parish Councillors

Chairman: Kay Hutchfield

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www.cuxtonpc.org.uk

www.facebook.com/CuxtonParishCouncil

Academy of Cuxton Schools

Autumn term dates 2021:

Term 2: Monday 1/11/2021 to Friday 17/12/2021

Holiday Monday 20/12/2021 to Monday 03/01/2022

Spring term dates 2022

Tuesday 04/01/2022 to Friday 11/02/2022



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